

## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

BERTEZ et al.

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Application No. 09/755,053 Group 1725

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE LASER CUTTING OF STAINLESS STEEL, COATED STEEL, ALUMINUM OR ALUMINUM ALLOYS WITH A BIFOCAL OPTICAL COMPONENT

## RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 22, 2004

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2003, for which the period for response has been extended two months, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.